

All the  
**ACTS,**  
**ORDINANCES**  
AND  
**ORDERS**  
OF  
**PARLIAMENT:**  
For the  
**Indempnitie**

Or saving harmlesse all those that have  
Acted or done any thing by *Sea or Land,*  
by the Authority and for the Service of  
the **PARLIAMENT.**



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*Die Veneris, 21. Maii, 1647.*



He Lords and Commons taking notice,  
 That divers well-affected persons have  
 been sued, iedicted, prosecuted, or mo-  
 lested, and others are like to be sued,  
 indicted, prosecuted or molested for such acts and

Divers persons  
 having been  
 sued and likly  
 to be sued for  
 Acts done by

Done by Authority of Parliament.

Be it, &c.

That no person acting by Authority of Parliament or benefit thereof

Ought to be sued for the same, and all such persons are acquitted, &c.

And for ease, &c.

That in every Action, &c.

The generall Issue may be pleaded,

things which they have acted and done by authority of this present Parliament, or for the service and benefit thereof during these late Warres and Troubles, doe hereby Ordaine and Declare, and be it by authority of Parliament Ordained and Declared, That no person or persons whatsoever, who have since the beginning of this present Parliament acted or done, or commanded to be acted or done, any act or thing whatsoever by authority of this present Parliament, or for the service or benefit thereof, by Sea or by Land, ought to be sued, indicted, prosecuted or molested for the same; and that every such person or persons whatsoever are and shall be hereby fully acquitted and discharged of all Actions, Suits, Indictments, Informations, Prosecutions, Judgements, Executions and Molestations whatsoever, for or concerning the same; and all Judges, Justices, Sheriffs, Mayors, Bailiffs, Jurors, Officers, and Ministers of Justice whatsoever, are hereby required to take notice thereof, and duly to observe the same.

And for the ease of all such persons who are or shall be Sued, Indicted, Prosecuted or Molested for any such Act or Thing as is aforesaid, It is hereby Declared and Ordained, That in every Action, Suir, Indictment, Information, or prosecution whatsoever, wherein or whereby they shall be so sued, indicted, prosecuted or molested as is aforesaid, contrary to this Ordinance, It shall be lawfull to and for all persons aforesaid, their Heires, Executors, Administrators and Assignes, to plead the generall Issue, that they are not Guilty, or any other generall Issue, as the Case shall require, and shall and may give in evidence



evidence to the Jury that shall try the same; That the matter in question was an act or thing acted or done, or commanded to be acted or done by authority of this present Parliament, or for the service and benefit thereof; which Evidence being proved, shall be admitted and allowed by the respective Judges, Judge, or Justice, or Justices & Jury before whom it shall be tryed, as sufficient to maintaine the said generall issue: And if the Verdict shall passe, with the Defendant or Defendants in any Action, Bill, Plaint, or Suit, as is aforesaid, or the Plaintiffe or Plaintiffes shall be nonsuit therein, or suffer any continuance thereof, the respective Judges or Justices shall award unto the said Defendant or Defendants treble Costs, for which the said Defendant or Defendants shall have the like remedy, as in the like Cases they ought to have by the Lawes of this Realme: And what any Judges, Justices, Sheriffes, Mayors, Bayliffes, Jurors, Officers and Ministers of Justice shall doe according to this Ordinance, or in pursuance thereof, they shall be justified and saved harmeleffe by Authority of Parliament for and concerning the same.

And if Verdict  
passe for De-  
fendant,

Treble Costs  
to be awarded

And the Judge  
&c. to be in-  
dempnified.

And because such persons who have acted or commanded to be acted or done any such act or thing, as is aforesaid, may be poore and not able to defend a Suit at Common Law, or may finde themselves agrieved in the proceedings thereof; now for a further and certaine reliefe of all such persons, It is hereby Ordained and Declared by the Authority

And for that  
many may not  
be able to de-  
fend suit at  
Common Law.

It is ordained  
That persons  
sued

May make  
complaint to  
the Committee  
of Indempnity

time hereafter, when and as often as they shall be  
sued, indicted, prosecuted or molested for any such  
act or thing, as is aforesaid, either before or after a  
tryall at the Common Law, make their complaint to

**A**lgernon Earle of Northumberland, Henry Earle  
of Kent, John Earle of Rutland, Phillip Earle of  
Pembroke and Montgomery, Theophilus Earle of Lin-  
colne, Charles Earle of Nottingham, James Earle of  
Suffolke, William Earle of Salisbury, Robert Earle of  
Warwicke, Basil Earle of Denbigh, James Earle of  
Middlesex, Edward Earle of Manchester, Edmond  
Earle of Mulgrave, Henry Earle of Stamford, Walter  
Lord Viscount Hereford, William Lord Viscount Say  
and Seale, Charles Lord De-la-War, George Lord  
Berkley, Phillip Lord Wharton, Francis Lord Wil-  
loughby, Dudley Lord North, John Lord Hunsdon, Wil-  
liam Lord Grey of Warke, John Lord Robartes, Edward  
Lord Howard of Esc. Thomas Lord Bruce, Members  
of the House of Peeres.

Master Holles, Colonell Birch, Master Swynsen,  
Master Maynard, Master Boys, Colonell Puresoy, Co-  
lonell Harvey, Master Recorder, Master Solicitor,  
Sir Philip Stapleton, Colonell Morley, Sir William  
Allenson, Colonell Massy, Master Whitlock, Sir Gil-  
bert Gerrard, Sir William Waller, Master Edwards,  
Master Challener, Lievttenant Generall Cromwell, Ma-  
ster Tate, Sir William Massam, Sir Samuel Luke, Ma-  
ster Lisle, Field Marshall Skippon, Master Francis Al-  
len, Colonell Walton, Master Rigby, Sir John May-  
nard, Master Selden, Master Gott, Sir William Brere-  
ton, Master Grimstone, Master Darley, Master Dove,  
Sir

Sir *John Bampffield*, Lord *Monson*, Sir *Mich. Livesey*,  
 Sir *Thomas Widarington*, Sir *Arthur Haslrig*, Master  
*Bainton*, Master *Nicholas*, Master *Weaver*, Master  
*Nathaniel Fiennes*, Colonell *Rainsborough*, Major  
*Harrison*, Master *Walter Long*, Master *Hallowes*, Ma-  
 ster *Miles Corbet*, Colonell *Tompson*, Master *Drake*,  
 Sir *Thomas Middleton*, Master *William Pierpoint*,  
 Members of the House of Commons, or any five of  
 them, who are hereby constituted a Committee of  
 Parliament, for the relief of all such persons, in such  
 cases as is aforesaid. And the said Committee, or any  
 five of them, are hereby authorized and required, to  
 receive, heare, and determine, such aforesaid Com-  
 plaints; and to that end to examine Witnesses up-  
 on Oath; and to commit to safe custody (if they  
 shall see cause) all such person or persons, who shall  
 so sue, indict, prosecute, or molest, any person or  
 persons whatsoever, for acting, or doing any such  
 Act or thing, as is aforesaid; And also to order and  
 award to every such person or persons so sued, in-  
 dicted prosecuted, or molested, treble so much as  
 they shall make appeare to the said Committee,  
 that they have been damnified by any such Suit, In-  
 dictment Prosecution, or molestation, as is aforesaid,  
 if they have not before recovered the same  
 by the proceedings at Common Law, according to  
 this Ordinance. And that when the said Committee,  
 or any five of them, shall have made any Order or  
 Award, in such aforesaid cases respectively that the  
 said person or persons ought not to be sued, indicted  
 prosecuted or molested, for such Act or thing re-  
 spectively, then upon shewing the said Order or

For reliefe,  
 And the said  
 Committee  
 are authorized  
 to heare and  
 determine, &c  
 examine each  
 &c. commit to  
 custody, &c.

And to award  
 treble dama-  
 ges.

And upon Or-  
 der that the  
 person ought  
 not to be sued

Vpon shewing  
 thereof.

Award

Solicitors, &c.  
to forbear  
prosecution.

Award to the Solicitors Attornies, or Councillors of the party or parties so suing, indicting, prosecuting, or molesting, as is aforesaid, the said Solicitors, Attornies, and Councillors, shall presently forbear to prosecute or assist, counsell, or advise the said Partry or Parties to sue, indict, or prosecute any further, for such Act or thing respectively: And that if thereupon, they shall not forbear so to do, the said Committee, or any five of them, are hereby authorized and required, to commit to safe custody any such Solicitors Attornies or Councillors, so offending as is aforesaid, if they shall see cause.

And if not, to  
be committed.

Provided, this  
Act doth not  
discharge any  
from making  
their Accompts, &c.

Provided alwayes that this Ordinance, nor any thing herein contained, shall not extend to discharge any such person or persons aforesaid, who have acted or done, or commanded to be acted or done, any Act or thing by authority of this present Parliament or for the Service or benefit thereof, from making their true and just Accompts to any Commissioners or Committee of Parliament, appointed or to be appointed for that purpose of what they have taken, received, or had, for the Service and benefit of the Parliament, as is aforesaid.



*Die Lune 7. Junii 1647.*

An additionall Ordinance of the Lords and  
Commons assembled in the *Parliament* of Eng-  
land for the more full indemnitie of Offi-  
cers and Souldiers who have acted by  
Authority and for the service of the  
PARLIAMENT.



Orasmuch as in the times of this late  
Warre and publike distractions, there  
have been many Injuries done to pri-  
vate persons, and other offences Com-  
mitted by divers persons bearing Armes  
in the service of the *Parliament*, The Lords and  
Commons in *Parliament* assembled, taking into their  
Consideration, That it is expedient that the injuries  
and offences aforesaid be pardoned and put in Obliv-  
ion rather than by pretence of prosecution against  
some few persons, a great number of such who have  
fairhfully served the Parliament be brought into  
a continuall vexation for such Actions as the exigen-  
cy of Warre hath necessitated them unto, Do there-  
fore Ordaine, and be it Ordained by the said Lords

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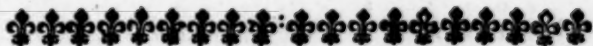
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and Commons, That all persons who have committed any offences, trespasses, injuries, or other misdemeanours whatsoever, during such time as they have been employed in Armes, by or for the service of the Parliament, be, is, and are hereby discharged and pardoned of the same, and off and from all prosecution or damages therefore, either at the Suit of the King or the party grieved, and may in case he or they be questioned therefore, plead the generall Issues, and give this Ordinance in evidence, which shall be allowed to all intents and purposes as if the same were pleaded in Warre. And in case any shall prosecute any Action or Suit contrary to the Tenour of this Ordinance, against any person hereby discharged, after notice given that such person is hereby discharged, the Defendant or Defendants so prosecuted shall recover his and their cost against such Prosecutor.

Provided also that this Ordinance nor any thing herein contained, shall extend to discharge any such person or persons as aforesaid, from making their true and just Accompts to any Committee or Committees of Parliament appointed or to be appointed for that purpose, of what they have taken received, or had, for the Service or benefit of the Parliament.

*Job. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.*

*Die*



*Die Sabbathi, 19 Junii 1647.*

**T**He Lords and Commons in Parliament having well accepted the obedience and readiness of those Officers and Souldiers who have complied with their Orders, have Ordered and Ordained, and by Authority aforesaid do Order and Ordaine, That all and every the said Officers and Souldiers aforesaid, shall be freed, exonerated, acquitted and discharged, and are in and hereby declared and adjudged from hence forth to be free, exonerate, acquit, and discharged of and from all and whatsoever prosecution, judgement of life or member, paines, penalties, and punishments whatsoever incurred, or that shall, may, or can, might, could, should, or ought to be inflicted, prosecuted had or pursued against them, or any of them, for or by reason of the said pretended offence or offences of their departure from their said Colours, or from under the Command of the said Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, or from or under the command of any Military Officer or Officers under him whatsoever.

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Departing  
from Colours  
&c.

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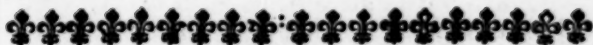
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A DECLARATION  
Of the LORDS and COM-  
MONS Assembled in  
PARLIAMENT.

*That none shall be elected into any Office what-  
soever, that hath been in the Kings Army,  
ayding or assisting the Enemy against the  
Parliament, within the Kingdome of Eng-  
land, Dominion of Wales, and Towne of  
Berwicke.*

*Die Jovis 9 Septemb. 1647.*

None to beare  
Office that  
have been in  
armes against  
the Parliame.  
&c.

**B**E it Declared, Ordered, and Ordained  
by the Lords and Commons in Parlia-  
ment assembled, That no Person what-  
soever, that hath been in Armes against the  
Parliament, or hath been ayding or assisting  
the Forces of the Enemy, or hath been, or is  
Sequestred, shall be elected, or constituted  
Mayor,

Mayor, Alderman, Bailiffe, Justice of Peace, Steward of any Court, Constable, or any other Officer in any County, City, Borough, or Town corporate, within the Kingdome of *England*, Dominion of *Wales*, and town of *Berwicke*. And in case any such persons as aforesaid be elected into any of the Offices aforesaid, in any of the aforesaid places; The Lords and Commons doe declare all such elections to be voyd and null: Provided, that this shall not extend to any person or persons who have been, or shall be unduely Sequestred as Delinquents, and have been, or shall be therefore discharged of the said undue Sequestration, by both Houses of Parliament, or by the Lords and Commons for Sequestrations.

And such Elections to be void.

Provided, &c.

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Die Jovis 9. Septemb. 1647.

*Ordered by the Lords assembled in Parliament, That this Declaration concerning the election of Officers be forthwith printed published.*

Joh. Brown Cler. Parliament.



4. Octobris, 1647.

AN ORDINANCE  
OF THE  
LORDS and COMMONS  
Assembled in PARLIAMENT,

*For disabling Delinquents to bear Office, or to  
have any Voyce or Vote in Election of any  
pulique Officer whatsoever, in the King-  
dome of England and dominion of Wales.*

Divers per-  
sons having  
been in Armes,  
being still  
Members of  
Corporations,  
and having  
Votes in Ele-  
ctions.

**W**Hereas divers persons who have been in  
Armes against the Parliament, or ayding  
and assisting the King in the late War, do  
continue Members of the severall Corporations of  
this Kingdome ; In which capacity they have power  
of voting in the Election of the Officers of the said  
Corporations ; by reason whereof, severall persons  
who have been likewise in Armes against the Parli-  
ament, or have ayded or assisted the forces of the  
Enemy, Have been, and daily are chosen Majors,  
Aldermen, Assistants, Bayliffs, or other officers  
of severall Cities, Boroughs or Towns Corporate,  
contrary to an Ordinance bearing date of the Ninth

day of September last past, to the endangering of raising new Tumults, and disturbing the peace of the Kingdome, so much desired to be established by all good men: For prevention whereof, Be it hereby Ordered and Ordained by the Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament; That no person or persons whatsoever, that hath been in Armes against the Parliament, or hath ayded or assisted the forces of the Enemy, by contributing of Moneys, Armes or Ammunition, or other ayd or assistance, nor being compelled or constrained thereunto; or who hath been, is or shall be Sequestred or Sequestrable, shall have any Voyce or Vote in the Election or choyce of any Major, Recorder, Sheriffs, Alderman, Boyliff, Assistant, Town-clerk, Common-Council man, Steward of any Court, Constable or any other Officer; or in the granting or passing of any Lease, or other Instrument, whereunto the Common Seal of any Colledge, Cathedral-Church, Hall or Corporation is to be set; or of any Copyhold Lands or Tenements, in any County, City, Borough or Town Corporate, or either of the Universities, or other place within the Kingdome of *England*, dominion of *wales*, or town of *Berwick*. Nor shall any such person or persons as aforesaid (without the allowance of both Houses of Parliament) hereafter be chosen, or continued to be in any of the aforesaid Offices, or of the first or second Company, or of the Chamber or Common-Council of any City, Borough or Town Corporate as aforesaid. And to the intent that this present Ordinance, and the said

No person that hath been in Armes or ayded the Enemy, or hath been, is or shall be sequestred, shall have voice in Elections, &c. nor be chosen, &c.

And to the intent this Ordinance and Order the 9. Septe may be observ

Or-

Ordinance of *Septemb.* the 9<sup>th</sup> be duly executed and observed; and that no person or persons doe presume (contrary to that or this present Ordinance) to accept of, or continue in any such Office, Place or Employment as aforesaid, after publication hereof, It is hereby further Ordred and Ordained, that the Committee of Lords and Commons for indemnity, named in an Ordinance bearing date the twenty one day of *May* last past, or any five of them, are hereby authorized, and have full power and authority hereby granted unto them, to convent and call before them any person or persons, for the the better discovery and finding out the truth in the premises; and are hereby required to receive and take such testimony and evidence upon oath for that purpose, as shall be tendred unto them, against any person or persons so offending, and to use all good wayes and meanes for the effecting and doing thereof; and upon proof thereof made by two or more sufficient Witnesses, The said Committee of Lords and Commons, or any five of them, have full power, and are hereby authorized and required to discharge the said person or persons so offending, from their said place, office or employment, and to impose such fine or fines upon him or them as they shall think meet, the same not exceeding the sum of one hundred pounds, whereof the one Moyety to be employed to the poor of the said County, City, Borough or Town Corporate wherein the said Offence shall be committed; and th' other Moyety to such person or persons as shall prosecute the same, the said fine  
so

The Committee for Indemnity have power to convent, &c.

And discharge from Offices

And impose Fines.

so to be imposed, to be recovered by Action of Debt, by Bill, Plaint or Informacion, wherein no Protection, Essoyn or wager at Law shall be allowed : And that after publishing the said discharge by the said Cōmittee of Lords and Cōmons, It is and shall be lawfull, to and for every person or persons, or the major part of them (who are not hereby excepted against) and are capable of a Vore in the Election of any such Mayor, Aldemran, Recorder, Sheriff, Bayliff, Tow-Clerk, Assistant, Common-Councel man, or other Officer in any Countrey, City, Borough or Town Corporate as aforesaid; and they are hereby enabled and required to proceed to the Election of such other person or persons in their, or any of their place or office, as are not made incapable by the said ordinances or either of them.

And persons  
capable to  
proceed to  
new Election.

Provided alwayes, that this Ordinance doe continue, and be in force for the space of five years onely next ensuing the date hereof; And that it doe not extend to any person or persons who have been or shall be unduly Sequestred, and have been or shall be therefore discharged of the said undue Sequestration by both Houses of Parliament, or by the Committee of Lords and Commons for Sequestration.

This Ordinance  
to continue  
five years.

*Ordered by the Commons assembled in Parliament,  
That this Ordinance be forthwith printed and published.*

H. Elsyng, Cler. Parl. D. Com.



*Die Veneris, 24 Decemb. 1647.*

An Ordinance giving power to the  
Committee of Indempnity, to put in Exe-  
cution the Ordinances concerning  
*Apprentices Freedomes.*

Concerning  
Apprentices.

**B**E it Ordered and Ordained by the  
Lords and Commons Assembled in  
Parliament, That power be given to  
the Committee of Indempnity, to put in  
execution the severall Ordinances concern-  
ing *Apprentices Freedomes* that have served  
the *Parliament* in this late Warre, and to  
receiue all complaints made upon them, and  
to give redresse to the party grieved, and  
to allow Costs, Charges and Damages, as  
they shall see cause, according to the power  
given them, in cases of Indempnity.

*Die*





*Die Veneris 24 Decemb. 1647.*

An Order giving further Power to the  
*Committee of Indempnity.*

**T**HE Lords and Commons assembled in PARLIAMENT doe declare, That the Committee of Lords and Commons for Indempnity, have as full power to all intents and purposes to act upon, and put in execution the Additionall Ordinances of Indempnity, as they have to act upon, and put in execution the first Ordinance of Indempnity.

To put in Execution the additionall Ordinances of Indempnity.



# AN ACT

Giving Power to the Committee of  
Indempnity to transmit the Examination of all such

Articles or Informations  
as shall be exhibited to them against any  
Malignant or Delinquent Magistrates  
or other ill-affected Officers, to Justices  
of Peace in the severall *Counties*.

The Commit.  
of Indempni-  
ty have power  
to transmit to  
the Justices of  
each County

All Informa-  
tions against  
Malignant or  
Delinquent  
Magistrates:

**B**E it Enacted and Ordained, and it is Enacted  
and Ordained by Authority of this present  
*Parliament*, That the Committee of Parlia-  
ment for Indempnity, or any five or more of them,  
have power, and are hereby authorized to transmit  
to any two or more Justices of the Peace in the re-  
spective Counties, Cities or Corporations of *Eng-  
land* and *Wales*, all or any such Articles or Infor-  
mations as shall be exhibited to them against any  
Malignant or Delinquent Magistrate, or other Offi-  
cer or Officers within the said County, or within any  
Borough or Town Corporate therein, according to

two Ordinances of Parliament in that behalf made, bearing date the ninth of *September*, and fourth of *October*, one thousand six hundred forty seven; which two or more Justices of Peace are hereby impowred and required to send for such Wirnesse or Witnesses as shall be desired, as well against as on the behalf of such Delinquent or ill-affected Officer, and them upon Oath to examine, concerning the truth of all or any of the said Articles; which Oath the said two or more Justices of Peace are hereby authorized to administer, and to return the same, together with the said Articles or Informations, to the said Committee of Indempnity sealed up: And also if any person or persons that now be, or hereafter shall be sued, indicted or molested, for or concerning any act or thing done by him by authority, or for the service of the Parliament, or during his or their being in arms for the Parliament, contrary to severall Ordinances in that behalf made, That in such case upon complaint made, and stating the case by Petition to any two or more Justices, the said Justices or any two or more of them shall have power, and are hereby authorized and required to send for such Witnesses as are desired, as well against, as on the behalf of the person or persons complained of, and them upon Oath to examine (which Oath the said Justices or any two or more of them shall have power, and are hereby authorized likewise to administer) and in case they cannot compose the said difference, then to return the said severall and respective Depositions so taken, and Petition (sealed up) to the said Committee

Which justices are impowred to examine Witnesses on oath,

And to return the same to the Committee for indempnity  
And if any person be sued for any act done by authority of Parliament, Or during his being in arms for the Parlia.

The justices may

Examine on Oath.  
And if they cannot compose the difference, then to returne Petition and Deposition to the Committee of Indempnity.

mittee of Indempnity, who are authorized and required to proceed to give judgement, and make further proceedings upon the same, and upon the Depositions concerning disaffected Officers as aforesaid, according to the respective powers given them by this, or any other Ordinance of Parliament for that purpose.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Act of this present Parliament, entituled, *An Act giving Power to the Committee of Indempnity, to transmit the Examination of all such Articles and Informations as shall be exhibited to them against any Malignant or Delinquent Magistrates, or other ill-affected Officers, to Justices of Peace in the severall Counties,* be, and is hereby Repealed and made void.

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*Die Veneris, 17. Augusti, 1649.*

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

*Hen. Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.*

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# AN ACT

For the Encouragement and

# INDEMPNITY

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Such Persons as voluntarily Engage  
themselves in the Service of the *Parlia-*  
*ment*, in this time of common Danger.

**W** Hereas divers well-affected persons in this Commonwealth, to testifie their Faith-  
fulnesse and good Affection to the present  
Government, as it is now Established, without a  
King or House of Lords, have voluntarily tendred  
themselves, and many of them their Apprenices  
and Servants, to be listd for the Service of the Par-  
liament, and to be in a readinesse to be drawn out  
upon actuall Service, for the safety of the Parlia-  
ment, and preservation of the publick Peace; and to  
form themselves into Regiments and Companies,  
under such Commanders as the Parliament or  
Councell of State shall appoint over them, which  
the Parliament doth declare to be a seasonable and  
very acceptable Service, not onely in those persons  
that did List themselves as aforesaid, but likewise in  
such

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gaging in Ser-  
vice of the  
Parliament.

mittee of Indempnity, who are authorized and required to proceed to give judgement, and make further proceedings upon the same, and upon the Depositions concerning disaffected Officers as aforesaid, according to the respective powers given them by this, or any other Ordinance of Parliament for that purpose.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That one Act of this present Parliament, entituled, *An Act giving Power to the Committee of Indempnity, to transmit the Examination of all such Articles and Informations as shall be exhibited to them against any Malignant or Delinquent Magistrates, or other ill-affected Officers, to Justices of Peace in the severall Counties*, be, and is hereby Repealed and made void.

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*Die Veneris, 17. Augusti, 1649.*

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

*Hen. Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.*



# AN ACT

For the Encouragement and

# INDEMPNITY

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Such Persons as voluntarily Engage  
themselves in the Service of the *Parlia-*  
*ment*, in this time of common Danger.

**W** Hereas divers well-affected persons in this Commonwealth, to testifie their Faith-  
fulnesse and good Affection to the present  
Government, as it is now Established, without a  
King or House of Lords, have voluntarily tendred  
themselves, and many of them their Apprenices  
and Servants, to be listd for the Service of the Par-  
liament, and to be in a readinesse to be drawn out  
upon actuall Service, for the safety of the Parlia-  
ment, and preservation of the publick Peace; and to  
form themselves into Regiments and Companies,  
under such Commanders as the Parliament or  
Councell of State shall appoint over them, which  
the Parliament doth declare to be a seasonable and  
very acceptable Service, not onely in those persons  
that did List themselves as aforesaid, but likewise in  
such

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such as give countenance and encouragement to their Apprentices and Servants so to do ; and that the said persons do deserve all due encouragement therein, as promoters of the Peace of this Nation, and ought to be indemnified and saved harmlesse from any damage or prejudice that may by Law be fixed upon them for their absence in any other personall service, whereunto they may be obliged : Be it therefore Enacted by this present Parliament, and by the Authority of the same, That all such persons that have or shall by vertue of any Commission from the Parliament or Councell of State, voluntarily list themselves in the Service of the Parliament, in any Regiment, Troop or Company as aforesaid, shall be, and are freed, indemnified and discharged of and from any Fine, Mulct, or other Punishment which may be inflicted upon them for their not appearing, or not serving in the Trained Bands, during such time as the said persons respectively shall continue and be in the Service of the Parliament, in any Regiment, Troop or Company voluntarily raised as aforesaid. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That such of the said persons as are or shall be apprentices or servants, their Parents, and such other persons as stand engaged for them, shall be indemnified and saved harmlesse, for and in respect of the said Service, in as full and ample manner as is Ordained and Declared in *An Ordinance of the Lords and Commons in Parliament*, bearing date the seventh day of *November*, one thousand six hundred forty and two, for the indemnifying of such Apprentices as then

Shall be and are freed from fines for not appearing in the trained bands.

Apprentices and their sureties. Shall be Indemnified.



then were or should be Lifted to serve as Soldiers. And to the end the said persons may the more speedily be relieved and indemnified according to the true intent and meaning of this Act, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Commissioners for the *Militia* in the respective Counties, Cities and places of this Commonwealth, Be, and are hereby constituted and authorized to be Commissioners for the reliefe of all such persons in the cases aforesaid; which said Commissioners or any three or more of them, are hereby authorized and required to receive, hear and determine all such Complaints; and in order thereunto, to summon Parties and Witnesses to appear before them, and to examine Witnesses upon Oath; and to commit to safe custody, if they shall see cause, such persons as shall stand out in contempt; and to allow costs, charges and damages to the parties grieved, as they shall see cause: Provided the same exceed not double so much as the party grieved shall be damnified by any Suit, Prosecution or Molestation in the case aforesaid, and to compell payment of the same by Imprisonment of the person, or sale of the goods of such persons as stand in contempt; and further to act in the cases aforesaid, as fully and amply as the Committee of Parliament for Indemnity, are authorized to doe in cases of Indemnity.

And the Commissioners for *Militia* are to examine & determine

all such complaints,

And commit to custody,

And allow Costs,

And compell payment;

And act as fully as the Committee for Indemnity.

*Die Jovis, 19. September, 1650.*

*Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.*

Hen. Scobell, Cleric. Parliamenti.

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*Novemb. 7. 1642.*

Concerning  
Apprentices  
Freedomes

**W**Hereas in times of common danger and necessity, the interest of private persons ought to give way to the publike; It is Ordained and Declared by the Lords and Commons in PARLIAMENT; that such Apprentices as have been, or shall be Listed to serve as Souldiers for the defence of the Religion and Liberty of the Kingdome, his Majesties Royall Person, the Parliament, and the City of L O N D O N, their Sureties, and such as stand engaged for them, shall be secured against their Masters their Executors, Administrators, from all losse and inconvenience, by forfeiture of Bonds, Covenants, Infranchisement, or otherwise; And that after this publike service

vice ended, the Masters of such Apprentices shall be commanded and required to receive them againe into their service without imposing upon them any punishment, losse, or prejudice for their absence in the defence of the Common-wealth. And the Lords and Commons do further declare, That if it shall appeare, that the Masters of such Apprentices have received any considerable losse by the absence of their Apprentices, they will take care that reasonable satisfaction shal be made unto them out of the publike stock of the Kingdome, according to justice and indifferencie.

*Joh. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum*

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*Die Martis 4. April 1648:*

Commission  
for *Kent* to  
execute pow-  
ers of In-  
dampnity.

**T**HE Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, having by an Ordinance of Parliament of the one and twentieth of *May* 1647. And by additionall Ordinance of the seventh day of *June* last, provided for the saving harmlesse, and indemnifying all such Souldiers and others as have acted by the authority of Parliament, or for the service thereof; And taking into their consideration, that in and by the foresaid Ordinances no provision is made for the indemnifying and saving harmlesse of such persons, as at any time since the making of the said Ordinances have acted or done, or who hereafter shall act or do any thing as aforesaid; And also that in and by the aforesaid Ordinances of the one and twentieth of *May*, 1647. no provision is made for the leavying of such summes of Money as are or shall be awarded unto such person or persons as are, or shall be unduly prosecuted or molested for any thing so done, other then by the imprisonment of the Plaintiffe, or Prosecutor, which in many cases either of the obstinacy of the said Plaintiffe or Prosecutor, or of his absence, or concealment of himself gives no reliefe to the party grieved, And likewise finding

finding by several complaints made to them, that it is a great charge and trouble to very many poore Soldiers and others, to whom due reliefe is intended by the said Ordinances, to make their repaires to the City of *London* and to attend the Committee of Lords and Commons appointed by the said Ordinance for the execution thereof; The said Lords and Commons in consideration thereof have thought fit to Order and Ordaine, and it is hereby Ordered and Ordained, That such and the like provision and remedy as in, and by the said Ordinance of the one and twentieth of *May 1647.* is made and declared for the indemnifying and saving harmlesse of such as at any time before the making of the said Ordinance have acted or done any thing by Authority, or for the service of the Parliament; such or the like remedy and provision be, and is hereby Ordained to be made and declared, for the indemnifying and saving harmlesse such persons as at any time have acted or done, or hereafter shall act or do any thing as aforesaid. And for the further ease of all such persons, it is hereby Ordained and Declared; That Sir *John Rivers* Knight and Barronet, Sir *Edward Moyns*, Sir *Thomas Style*, Sir *Richard Hardres*, Sir *Thomas Pyers* Baronets, Sir *Anthony welden*, Sir *John Hony-wood*, Sir *Nicho. Miller* Knights, *Thomas Plummer* *John Twistleton*, *Lambert Gedfrey*, *Richard Porter*, *George Newman*, *Thomas Seyliard*, *William James*, *Richard Beale*, *John Browne*, *william Skinner*, *william Boothby*, *william Fennerick*, *George Hall*, *John Bix Esq;* *John Boyes of Elmington*, *Robert Scot*,

*Thomas Blount Esq; Robert Hales Esq; Sir Edward Masters, Thomas Denne, Robert Ladd, John Nut Esq; Sir James Oxenden, Thomas Broaduz, John Holland, Thomas Boys of Wilsbrough Esq; George Duke Esq;* be a Committee for the County of *Kent*, for the aforesaid ends and purposes.

And that the said Committee, or any five or more of them, shall have, and are hereby authorized to have and execute within the said County of *Kent*, such and the like power as is contained in the said Ordinance of the 21. of *May* last, with and under such and the like Proviso or Provisoes as is therein mentioned; And in every such case or cases wherein upon due examination and prooffe had before the said Committee hereby nominated and appointed, or any five of them, it shall appeare that the party to them complaining, ought not to be sued, prosecuted, or molested within the intent and meaning of this, or any the aforesaid Ordinances: And that they shall see cause to award any summe or summes of Money in recompence unto the said party prosecuted or molested, that then upon default of payment of the same at the time limited in the said Award, the said Committee hereby nominated, or any five of them, shall and may issue out their Warrant directed unto such Constable or Bursholder, or other indifferent person, as by the said party prosecuted or molested shall be nominated and appointed for the leavying of the same, by distresse and sale of the Goods and Chattels of the Plantiffe or Prosecutor. And all Sherieffs, Mayors, Bayliffes,

Bayliffes, Goalers, Constables and other Officers, are hereby required to be obedient to this Ordinance, and to the Orders, Warrants, and Awards of the said Committee hereby named, or any five of them, in the execution thereof, under penalty of imprisonment by the said Committee, or any five of them, without Bayle or mainprize, untill such time as they and every of them shall conforme themselves thereunto. Provided, That the Damages allowed by the Committee, as aforesaid, exceed not the treble value of the Damage and Costs sustained by the Plaintiffe.

*Job. Browne Cler. Parliamentorum.*

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# AN ACT

For Transferring the  
**POWERS**  
 OF THE  
 Committees for Indemnity.

**B**E it Enacted and ordained by this present Parliament, and by the Authority thereof, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained, That all and every the Powers and Authorities which any Committee or Committees of Parliament had to give Indemnity to, or to save harmlesse and indemnified any person or persons whatsoever, who have acted by Authority, or for the Service of the Parliament, be and are hereby transferred from the said Committee or Committees, and are hereby vested and settled



settled in and in upon *Samuel Mayor, James Ruffel, Edward Winslow, Josias Berners, William Molins, Arthur Squib and Richard Moor, Esquires*; Who by this Act and by the Authority thereof, or any four or more of them, are hereby authorized to doe and execute all and every the Acts, Ordinances and Orders of Parliament for Indempnity; and all and every the Powers and Authorities in or by them, or any of them, given, granted, limited or appointed, Any Law, Statute or Custome to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid. That the persons above named, or any four or more of them be impowred and authorized, by proof upon Oath, which they or any four or more of them have hereby power to administer, or by such other wayes or meanes as shall be requisite and approved of by any four or more of them, to examine, adjudge, and finally determine all and every the Cases and Complaints, matters and things whatsoever, which at or upon the twentieth day of *April*, in the year

of our Lord God, one thousand six hundred fifty and two, were complained of, undetermined, and depending before the Committee or Committees of Parliament ; or hereafter shall be exhibited and complained of to the persons above named, or any four or more of them, in pursuance of any Act, Ordinance or Order of Parliament, giving indemnity for any matter or thing whatsoever done by authority, or for the service or benefit of the Parliament ; and to stay Proceedings in any Court of Justice or Equity in the meane time.

And be it further Enacted and Ordained by the authority aforesaid, That the said Commissioners, or any five or more of them, be and are hereby inpowred and authorized to give and allow such costs and charges upon the dismissal of any Petition or Complaint exhibited before them, as to them or any five or more of them shall seem just and reasonable.

Provided alwayes, That all and every Judgement and Determination already had, made and given by the Committee or Committees

mittees of Parliament aforesaid, or any of them, shall by authority of this present Parliament standing good and confirmed, according to the Tenor and Purport thereof: And that all Petitions, References and Examinations made and taken upon Oath, by or before the said Committee or Committees of Parliament, or any of them, in pursuance of the powers to them granted, shall be allowed and admitted by the persons above named, or any four or more of them, as if the same had been taken, had and done by or before them or any four or more of them; and the persons above named, and every of them, are hereby enjoyned & required, at or before the first day of *July*, in the year of our Lord God, one thousand six hundred fifty and two, to take the Oath hereafter expressed, before the Councell of State appointed by authority of Parliament, who are hereby authorized to administer the same in these Words following, That is to say;

I A. B.

**I** A. B. do answer, That I will, according to my best skill and knowledge, faithfully discharge the Trust committed unto me, in relation to an Act, Entituled, An Act for transferring the Powers of the Committees for Indemnity: And that I will not for favour or affection, rewards or gifts, or hopes of reward or gift break the same.

Provided, That this Act shall continue and be in force untill the first day of *Iuly*, which shall be in the year of our Lord, one thousand six hundred fifty and three.

Wednesday the 23. of *Iune* 1652.

Ordered by the Parliament, That this Act be forthwith printed and published.

Hen. Scobell Cler. Parliamenti.

FINIS.

